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## **899 SERVICE ANIMALS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Service animals are permitted to accompany a person with disabilities on school property and school buses consistent with the American's with Disabilities Act as Amended, Minnesota Statute §256C and Minnesota Statute §363A.19. A person who is training a dog to be a service dog shall also be permitted to have the dog on school property.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

A service animal is defined for the purposes of this policy as a dog trained to do work or perform a specific task(s) for a person with disabilities. This policy relates only to trained service dogs, not therapy animals.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON**

- A. The person with a disability must properly harness or leash the service animal unless her disability prevents harnessing or leashing and must maintain control of the animal.
- B. The person shall be liable for any damage done to property or persons by the dog.
- C. The person is responsible for the humane care and treatment of the service animal.
- D. The person may be asked to remove the service animal if it poses a significant health or safety risk.

#### ***Legal References:***

ADAA, 42 U.S.C. §1210 *et seq.* (Title)

Minn.Stat. §§256C.01-.03 (Title)

Minn. Stat. §363A.19 (Title)

28 C.F.R. 35.104 (Title)